

## FARM LOAN BANK STOCK.

## BOOKS OF SUBSCRIPTION TO OPEN WEDNESDAY.

Sale Continues Thirty Days in All Cities When Secretary of Treasury Will Subscribe for Remainder.

Washington, Jan. 7.—The federal farm loan board announces that subscription books for the sale of stock for the 12 federal land banks will be opened simultaneously in all of the 12 cities January 10. Under the terms of the farm loan act this stock is to remain on sale 30 days. The books will close on February 9 and immediately thereafter the secretary of the treasury on behalf of the United States will subscribe to all of the remaining unpaid stock.

Each bank will be capitalized at \$100,000. The shares will be \$5 each. George W. Norris, farm loan commissioner, has sent subscription books and subscription blanks to each of the cities and notices will be posted in all of the federal buildings of the 12 cities advertising the stock for sale.

D. C. Hayward, collector of internal revenue, will take subscriptions at Columbia.

## GOLDEN APPEALS FOR MEN.

## DEMANDS EIGHT HOUR DAY FOR STRIKERS.

Boston, Jan. 7.—A demand for an eight hour day for textile workers throughout the country will soon be made, according to John Golden, international president of the United Textile Workers of America, who tonight made an appeal to the Boston Central Labor union for support of the strike of 700 operators in the mills at Anderson, S. C. The shorter day would be asked for President Golden said, notwithstanding the increase in wages during the past year, amounting in some cases in northern mills to 25 to 30 per cent.

Referring to conditions in the South Mr. Golden asserted that 90 per cent. of the quarter of a million mill hands in that section, were only 24 hours away from starvation. He said that the strike in Anderson had cost his union more than \$50,000 thus far, but that the organization was able to spend as much more to carry on the fight if necessary. The strike began five months ago, according to Mr. Golden, when the Wellington Searns company of Boston, owners of the mills, refused to grant a 10 per cent. increase in pay.

## BOYS APPRECIATED GIFT.

## SUMTER LIGHT INFANTRY HAD GOOD CHRISTMAS DINNER DESPITE SANDSTORM.

Capt. R. T. Brown Thanks Donors on Behalf of Sumter Boys on Border—Picture of D. James Winn, Oldest Living Member of Sumter Light Infantry Sent by Mr. Winn, is Given Place of Honor.

The following letter has been received from Capt. Robert T. Brown of Company L, N. G., S. C., better known here as the Sumter Light Infantry, expressing the thanks of the Sumter men on the border for the fund sent them at Christmas to provide accessories to their Christmas dinner:

El Paso, Texas, Jan. 1st, 1917. Messrs. L. C. Bryan, H. A. Moses, S. K. Nash, Committee, Sumter, S. C. Gentlemen: We wish to thank the people of Sumter, through you as their committee, for their generous donation, for our Xmas dinner. God knows we needed it, and it is useless for us to say that we enjoyed it.

An awful sand storm made it impossible for dinner to be served until about 4 o'clock in the afternoon, but you can see from the enclosed menu, that when we did get to it there was something to appease the appetite created by the waiting. Of course it didn't take a sandstorm to put grit in a Gamecock's craw, but we feel sure that the grit caused by this storm kept Company L more or less out of the hospital.

Added to this delightful spread was a large box of Home Raised pecans, sent for this occasion by Mr. D. James Winn, along with the pecans, Mr. Winn sent us a picture of himself as the oldest living member of the Sumter Light Infantry. The boys were especially appreciative of this gift, and had the picture occupying the head of the first table.

All the boys from Sumter were invited and with few exceptions answered "here" to the roll call for dinner.

We with one accord thank each one of you and every one of us wish for those at home including each one of us at home a happy New Year. With love from all of us,

The Boys From Home, Robert T. Brown, Capt. 2nd S. C. Inf.

## MORE TAXES PAID IN

Increase of \$11,000 This Year. Over Payments of 1915 up to January 1.

County Treasurer B. C. Wallace in balancing his books for 1916, notes that there is an increase of \$10,992.53 of 1916 taxes paid up to January 1, 1917, than was paid of the 1915 taxes up to January 1, 1916. The books show that the 1915 taxes received to the end of the year amounted to \$117,424.72, where in 1916 to the end of the year the receipts in taxes were \$128,417.25.

On the 30th of December, which was the last day for paying 1916 taxes without a penalty, \$29,190.91 were taken in, causing a rush in the county treasurer's office which it required several days to balance up. The total amount of taxes assessed amounts to \$198,747.23, which leaves \$70,529.98 to be paid into the treasurer's office. Treasurer Wallace, according to law, has attached a one per cent. penalty on unpaid taxes and is collecting them with this penalty during January.

## GERMAN WAR NEWS.

## Berlin War Office Announces Great Gains by Tenth Armies.

Berlin, Jan. 8. (Wireless, Official).—The Germans today destroyed six allied aeroplanes on the western front. There was also lively artillery activity in West Flanders and north of the Somme. The Russians along the northern and eastern front made some gains, but most of their assaults on Sunday were repulsed with heavy losses. The Teutons scored several brilliant victories along the Roumanian front. The fortress of Fokshani, which was defended by a powerful garrison of Russians and 100,000 men, was captured by Field Marshal von Mackensen with 3,900 prisoners, and a great quantity of munitions. The allies were pushed back from positions in the Odobeshti-Putna sectors. A defensive position south of Mikoyon was captured by the Germans in a storm attack after bloody hand to hand fighting. The Fokshani-Botosani railway has been cut by the Germans. The weather is bitterly cold.

## THE ALLIED CONFERENCE.

London, Jan. 8.—A Rome dispatch today says that Lloyd-George was regarded as the leading figure in the allied conference there. While the action taken is kept rigidly secret, it is understood that the conference discussed the military situation, especially the Balkans; the economic and financial situations and peace issues. It is believed the conference will result in closer harmony among the allies.

## McLAURIN SAYS WILL RESIGN.

## WAREHOUSE COMMISSIONER PROMISES TO QUIT.

Statement is Embodied in Report to Assembly for Delivery at Noon Tuesday.

Columbia, Jan. 7.—John L. McLaurin will resign as State warehouse commissioner upon the presentation of his annual report to the State legislature next Tuesday morning. In a conversation over the long distance telephone from Bennettsville last night, Mr. McLaurin said:

"My resignation is embodied in my annual report. It will become effective when the report is in the hands of general assemblymen and I expect to have it on their desks next Tuesday morning." His reasons were amplified, he explained, in the report of the warehouse system for the year. Copies of the report have already been widely distributed.

Mr. McLaurin contemplated resignation early last fall and so advised J. A. Banks of St. Matthews, September 16. Ten days later he withdrew this proposed resignation, at the request of the executive committee of the State warehouse association, the meeting being attended by Mr. McLaurin, John K. Aull, then secretary to Mr. McLaurin; W. A. Stuckey of Blenheimville, Don McQueen of Bennettsville and G. A. Guignard of Columbia. One reason advanced in discussing his resignation at that time was that he was "tired of public life." Mr. McLaurin also emphasized that he had taken an active part in the recent State political campaign impelled "to fight for Blaise," and "I did not do it in a half hearted way."

On September 23, 1916, Mr. McLaurin asked Gov. Manning for an audit of the accounts of the State warehouse system. There were 15,122 bales of cotton then in the 158 warehouses holding membership in the association.

The State warehouse system was created at the special session of the general assembly in the fall of 1914, immediately after the outbreak of the European war, when economic conditions were so disrupted that cotton could not be marketed at prices equivalent to the cost of production. Mr. McLaurin fathered the warehouse bill, in the upper house of the general assembly and was elected commissioner immediately after the bill had been enacted into law. The last general assembly appropriated \$15,000 for the maintenance and development of the system, as advocated by Mr. McLaurin.

## Webb-Kenyon Law Constitutional.

## Special to The Daily Item.

Washington, Jan. 8.—The Webb-Kenyon federal liquor law, in conjunction with a State prohibition law, will operate to prevent the shipment of liquor for personal use into dry State, the Supreme Court held today. It upheld the constitutionality of the Webb-Kenyon law.

## FINANCE MILITIA OR ABOLISH IT.

Columbia, Jan. 7.—W. W. Moore, the adjutant general, has completed his annual report. Recommendation by the chief military officer is that an appropriation of \$40,000 be provided for the National Guard in its present status and an additional \$15,000 for the Third regiment, which must be formed to comply with the military act of June 3, 1916, whereby the guard became federalized.

"I am more impressed than ever," Gen. Moore emphasizes, "that the legislature should recognize the necessity of proper provision being made for the National Guard, or it ought to abolish the organization entirely."

All property losses have been deducted and proper precaution against future losses has been taken, each officer being subjected to a sufficient bond to cover property values. The State armory, Gen. Moore points out, is inadequate for the storage of the National Guard property. Plans and specifications for remodeling this building have been prepared, but bids covering the cost of these additional storage facilities have not been obtained.

## In The Police Court.

Frank McLean, drunk, \$7.50 or 15 days.

William Griffin, drunk and cursing, \$20 or 30 days on each charge.

Lizzie Green, receiving stolen goods, case dismissed.

Eliza Washington, petit larceny, \$10 or 20 days.

York, Jan. 8.—The McNeel building, housing the postoffice, the public library, the bank, club rooms, seven mercantile and professional establishments was burned today. The loss is estimated at \$100,000 with insurance half covering the loss.

## REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF

No. 10860.

The National Bank of South Carolina, at Sumter, in the State of South Carolina, at the Close of Business, on December 27, 1916.

## RESOURCES:

1. a. Loans and discounts (except those shown on b and c) ..... \$788,944.54  
c. Acceptances of this bank purchased or discounted ..... 71,960.18

Total loans ..... 860,904.72

## Deduct:

d. Notes and bills rediscounted (see item 53) ..... 108,675.58 752,229.14

2. Overdrafts, secured \$391.91; unsecured \$311.64 ..... 703.55

5. U. S. Bonds:

a. U. S. bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value) ..... 50,000.00

Total U. S. bonds ..... 50,000.00

6. Bonds, securities, etc.:

e. Securities other than U. S. bonds (not including stocks) owned unpledged ..... 5,030.45

Total bonds, securities, etc. .... 5,030.45

7. Stocks, other than Federal Reserve bank stock ..... 3,500.00

8. Stock of Federal Reserve Bank (50 per cent. of subscription) ..... 9,750.00

8. a. Value of banking house (if unencumbered) ..... 38,182.77

b. Equity in banking house ..... 38,182.77

10. Furniture and fixtures ..... 4,565.66

11. Real estate owned other than banking house ..... 8,825.00

12. a. Net amount due from approved reserve agents in New York, Chicago, and St. Louis ..... 4,468.37

b. Net amount due from approved reserve agents in other reserve cities ..... 5,873.17 10,341.54

13. Net amount due from banks and bankers (other than included in 12 or 20) ..... 6,026.84

15. Other checks on banks in the same city or town as reporting bank ..... 2,149.40

16. a. Outside checks and other cash items ..... 3,019.82

b. Fractional currency, nickels and cents ..... 1,301.32 4,321.14

17. Notes of other national banks ..... 4,150.00

19. Federal Reserve notes ..... 510.00

20. Lawful reserve in vault and net amount due from Federal Reserve Bank ..... 40,671.05

21. Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer ..... 2,500.00

Total ..... \$943,455.57

## LIABILITIES:

23. Capital stock paid in ..... 200,000.00

24. Surplus fund ..... 125,000.00

25. a. Undivided profits ..... \$64,965.33

b. Less current expenses, interest & taxes paid 12,728.56 52,236.77

28. Circulating notes outstanding ..... 50,000.00

31. Net amount due to banks and bankers (other than included in 29 or 30) ..... 13,334.64

32. Dividends unpaid ..... 44.00

Demand deposits:

33. Individual deposits subject to check ..... 232,936.36

34. Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days ..... 12,422.69

35. Certified checks ..... 33.50

36. Cashier's checks outstanding ..... 287.55

Total demand deposits, items 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, and 40 ..... \$245,680.10

Time deposits (payable after 30 days, or subject to 30 days or more notice):

41. Certificates of deposit ..... 52,543.33

42. Other time deposits ..... 204,616.74

Total of time deposits, items 41, 42 and 43 ..... 257,160.07

Total ..... \$943,455.57

53. Liabilities for rediscounts, including those with Federal Reserve Bank ..... 108,675.58

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, County of Sumter, ss.

I, H. L. McCoy, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

H. L. McCoy, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of January, 1917.

A. M. Broughton, Notary Public.

Correct Attest:

C. G. ROWLAND,

B. J. BLAND,

ISAAC SCHWARTZ,

Directors.

CANTATA IS MUCH ENJOYED.

Large Audience Gathers at Grace Baptist Church to Hear "Prince of Peace" Sung.

A large audience gathered at Grace Baptist church last night filling the auditorium and Sunday School rooms to overflowing, to hear the great cantata, "The Prince of Peace" rendered by a specially trained choir. The cantata was most effectively rendered and all of those present were highly delighted with the pleasing music. Several of the solos and other numbers were executed in truly artistic style and gave many in the large audience a new idea of what Sumter musicians could accomplish in the line of music, when they attempted a high class composition.

Previous to the singing of the cantata Dr. John A. Brunson, pastor of the church, read extracts from the scripture showing the prophecies concerning the coming of the Messiah, and between the two parts he showed by the scripture the fulfillment of these prophecies in the coming of Jesus Christ.

The cantata was rendered by the following:

Part 1.

Sing, O Heavens—Chorus.

The Heavenly King, (bass solo)—H. C. Haynsworth.

And There Shall Come Forth—Miss Thelma Turner, Mrs. J. A. McKnight, J. T. China and H. C. Haynsworth.

Fear Thou Not—Solo and Chorus—J. T. China and Chorus.

Hail Bethlehem, contralto solo—Mrs. W. B. Lynam.

Offertory—Prof. L. C. Moise.

Part 2.

O Holy Night, Male Quartet—Messrs. Gilling, China, Warren and Haynsworth.

There Were Shepherds, soprano solo—Mrs. McCarthy; male chorus—Messrs. Gilling, China, Hurst, Warren, Randle and Haynsworth; Baritone solo—

lo—C. M. Hurst.

Bright Star of Hope—Miss Iva Belle Hugson and Mrs. McKnight.

March of the Magi, male chorus—Messrs. Gilling, China, Hurst, Warren, Randle and Haynsworth.

O Blessed Lord, solo—Miss Pauline Haynsworth.

Blessed be the Lord God, final chorus with tenor solo—P. E. Gilling.

MURDER MYSTERY UNSOLVED.

The Philadelphia Crime Said to Involve Many Prominent Men.

Philadelphia, Jan. 8.—The Grace Roberts murder mystery was reopened today by Mayor Smith, following open and bitter charges by the girl's brother, John Colbert, that the crime was fastened on Bernard Lewis, who committed suicide, to shield men prominent in public life in Philadelphia. Many wealthy men were summoned to District Attorney Rotan's office.

Tax Return Notice

I will attend in person or by deputy at the following named places and on the dates mentioned, for the purpose of receiving tax returns for fiscal year 1917, on all personal property, polls, road and dogs:

Tindals, Thursday, Jan. 4.

Privateer, Friday, Jan. 5.

Levi Siding, Tuesday, Jan. 9.

Wedgfield, Wednesday, Jan. 10.

Claremont, Thursday, Jan. 11.

Hagood, Friday, Jan. 12.

Rembert, Tuesday, Jan. 16.

Dalzell, Wednesday, Jan. 17.

Brogdon, Thursday, Jan. 18.

Oswego, Friday, Jan. 19.

Mayesville, Tuesday, Jan. 22.

Pleasant Grove, Wednesday, Jan. 23.

Shiloh, Thursday, Jan. 24.

Norwood Cross Roads, Friday, Jan. 25.

R. E. WILDER,

County Auditor.

J. D. BLANDING

—OF—

The King-Blanding Live Stock Co.

Has Reopened Business at

C. W. Smith &amp; Co's Stables

Epperson's Old Stand, Opposite Court House.

Just back from the Market with a Carload of

HORSES AND MULES.

Call and look this lot over if in need of Horses or Mules.

